AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. NEHLS OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in the bill, add the following:

SEC. _____. GRANT TO PROMOTE RE-ENTRY TRAINING PRO GRAMS AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM. Section 140 of title 23, United States Code, is amended— (1) by redesignating section (d) as section (e); and

7 (2) by inserting after section (c) the following: 8 "(d). SECOND CHANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RE-ENTRY EDUCATION- INFRASTRUCTURE (SCORE-I).—The 9 10 Secretary, in cooperation with any other department or agency of the Government, State agency, authority, asso-11 12 ciation, institution, Indian tribal government, corporation (profit or nonprofit), correctional institution, law enforce-13 14 ment agency, or any other organization or person, is authorized to develop, conduct, and administer surface trans-15 16 portation and technology training, including skill improve-17 ment programs, to provide incarcerated persons with job skills training to secure employment in the transportation 18 19 sector following incarceration. From administrative funds $\mathbf{2}$

made available under section 104(a), the Secretary shall 1 2 deduct such sums as necessary, not to exceed \$10,000,000 per fiscal year, for the administration of this subsection. 3 4 Such sums so deducted shall remain available until ex-5 pended. The provisions of section 6101(b) to (d) of title 41 shall not be applicable to contracts and agreements 6 7 made under the authority herein granted to the Secretary. 8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent of funds apportioned to a State for the 9 surface transportation block grant program under section 10 11 104(b) may be available to carry out this subsection upon 12 request of the State transportation department to the Sec-13 retary.".

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